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By Matthew Stanton

WILLIAM Windsor and Kate Middleton met for the first time, thanks to Yellow Advertiser.

Although the real Royal couple have yet to be seen together in Essex or east London, their namesakes greeted each other on Canvey Island for this unique union.

Grandfather-of-four William Windsor, of Windsor Close, is a 67-year-old former carpenter who lives on the island, while Katie Middleton, from Wickford, is a 31-year-old full-time mum.

Sadly, both have little interest in the Royal occasion that will stay with them for as long as others choose to remember.

They may never meet again. But they will live with those right Royal names forever.

■ Turn to page 11 to read all about the 'Royal couple'.

Picture by Mark Cleveland



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Royal Wedding special

Sarah bakes a cake fit for the Windsors

By Matthew Stanton

A BUSINESSWOMAN has won a competi-
tion to design a cake fit for Prince William and
Kate Middleton's wedding.

Sarah Threadgold, who runs Sarah's Farm
Fancies from her home in New Road, Great
Wakering, had her 'wonky' cake entitled It
Must Be Love shown in the Let Them Eat Cake
exhibition at the Wellington Arch in Hyde Park.

The 33-year-old said: "My cake is special to
me because it was designed and created to be
the centrepiece for our Royal Wedding street
party."

The hand-painted Union Jack celebration
bunting on the top tier represents the excite-
ment and anticipation felt across the British
Isles as the Royal wedding draws closer.

The middle tier is designed to look like a
wedding dress, complete with piped royal icing
and the red and white hearts scattered around
the bottom tier and board are designed to look
like confetti.

"This is my first ever three tiered cake and I
really enjoyed designing and making it," added
Sarah, who has a son called Will.

The Let Them Eat Cake exhibition is a celebra-
tion of the history of royal wedding cakes. It
took place at the Wellington Arch in Hyde
Park, near Buckingham Palace, up until
Monday.

A 'four and twenty' Blackbird's pie - Henry
VIII's gift to his wife Anne Boleyn - and modern
Royal's cakes in the shape of prince Charles
and Diana and Buckingham Palace were dis-
played.

The winners also receive a one-day cooking
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WINNER: Sarah Threadgold with her winning cake. Picture by Mark Cleveland

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Art competition winners



■ Adult winner - Adam Graff



■ Children's winner - Scarlett Taylor, five

THOUSANDS of Yellow Advertiser readers have contributed to this Royal Wedding edition by sending in their stories, entering our competitions and telling us about their memories.

Here are the winners to our three main

competitions. You were asked to name a new Royal beer, write a poem and paint or draw a Royal portrait.

Thanks to everyone who entered. The quality was truly outstanding.

Brewer selects name for new wedding beer

BRENTWOOD Brewing Company has announced the winner of our competition to name a Royal Wedding brew they have created.

Managing director Roland Kannor chose the name 'Hop on the Throne', which was put forward by Dianne Dastur, of Ashingdon.

Mr Kannor said: "I liked it because it was a bit different. There are loads of beers around called Kate and Wills ale."

"This was a different name which was respectful and had a little humour in it, so well done to Dianne."

Ms Dastur, of Wedgwood Way, will now receive a poly pin of the special beer, which contains 18 pints of the tippie.

TITLED: Roland Kannor with the pump clip for the Royal Wedding brew.

Picture by Mark Cleveland



Poetry competition winner is chosen

THE winner of the Royal Wedding poetry competition has been announced by the story telling laureate of Essex.

Mike Dodsworth, who judged the competition has chosen Mrs Yvonne Worth as the winner with her poem entitled Royal Wedding.

Mike Dodsworth said: "The poem has the capacity to capture lots of

thoughts and emotions simply with a good choice of images.

"It shows the poets ability to think well of these things and display it well in a very strong voice."

Royal Wedding by Yvonne Worth

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Will serve you well till you wear the crowns.

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Arthur's life through a lens



IN THE MOMENT: One of Arthur's most iconic pictures with Princess Diana holding William and Harry and (below) talking with Prince Charles.



After 200 tours of duty, Arthur Edwards, 70, from Brentwood, is the UK's first and last full-time Royal press photographer. He speaks exclusively to STEPHEN NEALE about 36 years with The Sun and preparing for the wedding.

■ Path to The Sun?

I STARTED off doing shifts and was offered a full-time job on January 22nd, 1975. And then I got asked to see what Prince Charles was doing. As he was 28, The Sun wanted to find out who he might marry.

And then, one day in 1980, I came across Princess Diana at a Polo match.

■ First impression of her?

SHE was such a young girl.

I said: "Can I take your picture?"

She said: "Yeah sure," and she posed up.

She was just an incredible person. I think, one of the greatest people of the 20th Century.

I was there in Africa when she hugged a leper. And I mean the leper had his fingers falling off. And I was there in San Paulo when she held the Aids babies in Brazil.

■ What about her death?

The whole country took leave of its senses, including myself and my wife.

■ Your thoughts on Camilla?

I love her. I think she is one of the nicest people.

■ What's nice about her?

She's a kind, generous, decent, ordinary woman, who never did a job in



IN HIS PALACE: Arthur relaxing at home.

Picture by Martin Dalton

her life except rear her children and run her house. Now she has got thrust into this role where one day she will be Queen.

■ And Charles?

An incredible man. Very much a visionary. Last year we went to Rome and he introduced me to the Pope and said, "This man has been photographing me for 35 years!"

■ What about the young Royals?

I think Harry is the most popular. He is very impulsive, but an incredible kid.

I went to the World Cup last year with him and William. We went to Botswana. And I saw how hard he worked. Harry met these young boys, who, from the age of seven or eight,

look after sheep in the mountains. They can't read or write, so he has got a school started for them and he just threw himself into it.

He's fought in Afghanistan, he's now training to fly helicopters and he wasn't the best at school, yet he has got to flying the most sophisticated flying machine ever invented. The Apache helicopter is a flying tank.

■ Is Kate anything like Diana?

Comparing her is very unfair.

■ How will the wedding change things for William and Kate?

After the wedding we won't see them for a while.

He will fly his helicopters until his contract is finished.

■ Are you nervous about missing 'the picture' on the big day?

No, the only thing I am nervous about is getting into the wrong position.

■ How much luck is in a great picture?

A lot. But the harder you work, the luckier you get.

I have been fortunate to work for a great paper.

■ Is The Sun a good place to work?

I would never want to work anywhere else.

■ And Rupert Murdoch?

He is charming. He says the most valuable thing is the people that work for him.

■ Have you thought of retirement?

I'm doing the Olympics and it's the Queen's 60 years on the throne next year as well. So the good times are still there.

■ Your thoughts on paparazzi?

They have their role. I don't agree with just gratuitously photographing someone because they are famous. Privacy laws are changing everything.

Paps were certainly the bane of Diana's life. I remember her running from them and hiding in a doorway once, crying because she didn't know what to do.

It wouldn't happen today because those times are coming to an end.

■ Would you swap places with the Royal family?

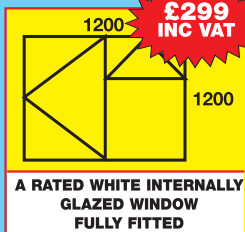
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Royal Wedding special

A Royal romance

The marriage of Prince William to Kate Middleton will be the biggest Royal event since the wedding of Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer. Yellow Advertiser takes a look at the lives of the happy couple and charts their romance.

By Karen Davis

WILLIAM and Kate met at the University of St Andrews where they were both studying history of art, although William later switched to geography.

Miss Middleton first came to the public's attention in 2002, when she shared a house with William and two other friends.

The housemates were often seen out on the town, and the following year, the four students moved into a cottage.

Kate was invited to William's 21st birthday party at Windsor Castle, but William denied having a girlfriend.

It is not known exactly when the couple became an item, but it is rumoured to be around Christmas 2003.

Their relationship became public when they were pictured on the slopes of the Swiss ski resort, Klosters, in March 2004.

Despite reports in 2005 that the couple's relationship had cooled off, there was no sign of a rift.

After graduating, the couple were pictured in public many times and in December 2006,



LOVE STORY: Prince William and Kate Middleton will tie the knot in front of millions of well-wishers.

Picture by Arthur Edwards

Kate watched her boyfriend pass out of Sandhurst as an Army officer.

Within a month, the pair briefly split, but secretly reunited just a few weeks later.

In July 2007, the couple were seen canoodling at the Concert for Diana.

Kate was seen at the Prince's RAF 'wings' presentation ceremony in April 2008 and later at the wedding of the William's cousin, Peter Phillips.

In June 2008, Miss Middleton attended an official Royal event for the first time when she went to the Order of

the Garter service at Windsor Castle to watch Prince William taking part.

On Tuesday, November 16, 2010, Kate Middleton and Prince William announced their plans to marry.

William said: "The timing is right now, and we are both very, very happy."

Kate added that joining the Royal Family was 'a daunting prospect' but said: "Hopefully, I'll take it in my stride."

After the wedding, the couple will live in Wales while William completes his RAF duties.

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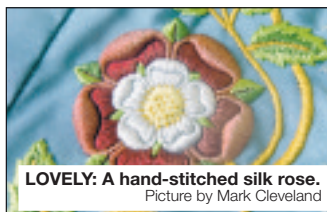
By Matthew Stanton

ONE of the oldest companies in Essex will be making 200 pairs of gloves for the household cavalry at Prince William's wedding.

Specialist uniform maker, Hobson & Sons, in Kenneth Road, Thundersley, received a phonecall from HQ London District to make the gloves.

The Household Division will wear the gauntlets when Prince William weds Kate Middleton at Westminster Abbey on Friday, April 29.

Chris Meads, director of Hobson & Sons, was delighted to get the contract.



LOVELY: A hand-stitched silk rose.
Picture by Mark Cleveland

He said: "It is a great honour. We make a lot of accoutrements for the Ministry of Defence all year but, we are very proud to be this involved in such a fantastic celebration."

"Everyone here at Hobson & Sons are excited about being involved in something so spectacular."

The gloves will be made from white kid leather on the hand and chrome butt leather on the cuff.

Once made, the British Army will blanch each gauntlet to make them pure white.

Hobson & Sons have experienced the excitement of several Royal weddings during their 160-year history.

Waist belts, cross belts, plumes and gloves made by the company were worn at Prince Charles' wedding to Lady Diana Spencer in 1981.

SPECTACLE: Chris Meads, director of Hobson & Sons, tries on a glove being made for the Royal Wedding.
Picture by Mark Cleveland



The exciting history of Hobson & Sons

HOBSON & Sons started back in 1850 outside the Woolwich Barracks.

From jackets and hats to badges and buttons, the specialist company, based in Kenneth Road, Thundersley, deals with clients from 80 countries around the world.

Its contracts include making 30,000 hats for the Bahrain Police; 3,000 belts for the Bahrain Army; 8,000 full uniforms for the Kuwait Armed Forces and clothing for Oman, UAE, Qatar, Kenya and Ghana.

Those benefiting from their tailoring expertise in this country are the Royal Navy, Metropolitan Police, Ministry of Defence and non-military groups like the Scouts and Brownies.

Chris Meads, director of Hobson & Sons, said: "I am very proud of the work we do here."

"The business hasn't stopped growing since Mrs Hobson began repairing army uniforms in 1850, and despite changing families three times since then, each has vowed to stick to the original name."

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UNIQUE: Oyuna Payne stitches a colourful saddlecloth.
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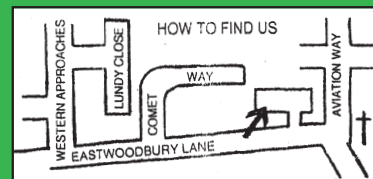
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A celebration of love

Marriage advice has been given to Kate and William ahead of the Royal Wedding by four Essex couples who have been together more than 60 years. Ron and Irene Bassett, from Basildon; Locks and Harry Wood, from Benfleet; Lill and Bill Monk, from Canvey; and Jean and Ernie Keeble, from Basildon, have all celebrated Diamond anniversaries in the past two years. Here are their stories:

LOCKS and Harry Wood received a telegram from the Queen last year to mark their 60th anniversary.

The couple, aged 81 and 83, married at All Saint's Church, Vange, in March 1950.

Locks and Harry, of St Clements Road, met at a dance in Vange School Hall as children before buying their first house in Pitsea.

Both plan to celebrate the Royal Wedding with relatives.

Locks said: "The success to a good marriage is never go to bed on an argument."



"If one is ill, the other has to do the looking after. The other important thing is not to get tied to your home - you must remain social and active."

GRANDPARENTS Bill and Lill Monk are still going strong after 75 years together.

The couple, of Hawkesbury Avenue, tied the knot on September 21, 1935, and live an active life despite being 99 and 96.

Bill, who celebrates his 100th birthday next month, met Lill while working at the Co-op dairy in Palmers Green.

They tied the knot at a church in Edmonton, North London, before moving to Canvey in 1978.

Bill, who served in the Armed



Forces for six years, said: "Making up and working together is the key to any marriage - and a good meal."



JEAN and Ernie Keeble will watch the Royal Wedding on television, knowing they have been together 70 years.

The couple, aged 86 and 88, met when Joan was just 14. They were both out with friends when Ernie offered her a sweet and they have been together since.

After the war Ernie worked in the building trade and Joan worked part-time in a local cafe, so she could be at home when the children came back from school.

The couple, who enjoy walks around Wat Tyler Park, will also celebrate their son John's 69th birthday on April 29.

She said: "We will certainly be watching the wedding - Kate and William look amazing together."



FORMER pilot Ron Bassett risked all while serving in Singapore just a week after meeting his wife Irene, in 1945.

The 85-year-old, of Althorne Way, spent months away from Irene, 83, but the couple stayed close through letters.

More than 60 years on, Irene and Ron claim their marriage is as strong as ever and put their successful down to keeping in touch with family.

Ron said: "One of our sons visits each month from the US and one of our daughters calls each week from Germany."

"A marriage is a partnership and you have to work together to get through things, even when you argue."

"Kate and William have every chance of lasting if they work together."

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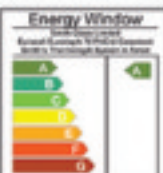
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Royal Wedding special

A trip down memory lane

By Paul Peterson

ROYAL Weddings not only leave lasting memories for their families and friends, but they can often stir memories in us all.

Residents at Deasons Court, a sheltered housing complex in Corringham, also had many memories about Charles and Di's marriage and many other Royal Weddings.



■ Doris Gooden, 85 and her husband Harry, 89, (above) from South Ockendon, remembered having a street party in Mayflower Close when Charles and Di got married in 1981.

Doris said: "It was a big thing in those days. We've always followed the Royal Family and I used to keep all the press cuttings about them. I don't bother nowadays though."

Harry added: "People used to listen to all the Royal events on the wireless before we had TVs and I remember listening to the Queen's wedding to Prince Phillip on the wireless."

■ Mary Lovell (right), 90, originally from Ilford Lane, said: "I remember when Prince Charles and Princess Diana got married, it was a really big occasion. I went to a street party with my daughter, my twin sister and my mum. I remember that there was lots of cake."

"Diana was a very pretty girl, but I didn't like her dress. It was all screwed up and looked just like a dishcloth! I thought Fergie looked beautiful when she married Andrew."

■ Lillian Benton, 89, (below left) from North Woolwich, said: "I didn't like Diana's wedding dress, but apart from that, she brought a bit of fashion to the Royal Family. Me and my sister organised a street party to celebrate Diana's wedding and we were really excited about it."

"I thought Princess Anne looked lovely when she married Captain Mark Phillips. I watched on TV when Charles married Camilla and thought

she looked nice, too.

"I didn't get an invite to William and Kate's wedding. Perhaps it got lost in the post!"

■ Mavis Wager, 83, (below) who comes from East Ham, said: "We lived in a high rise block of flats when Charles and Di got married and I remember looking out and seeing parties in almost every street. We went to one and there were musical chairs and quizzes for the children and in the evening, the adults had a few drinks and sang songs."

■ Walter Street, 87, originally from Grays, said: "There was a big street party in Argent Street to celebrate Charles and Diana's big day and there were people everywhere. There were street parties for lots of different occasions after the war for VE Day, the Queen's Coronation and the Silver Jubilee. It was always the same with street parties."

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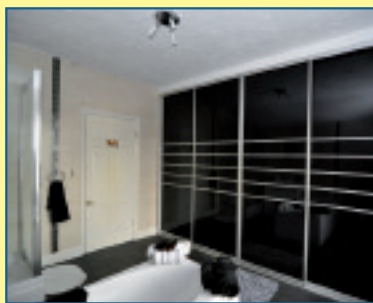
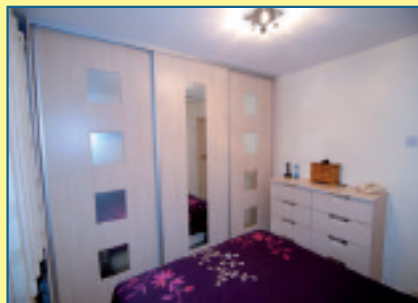


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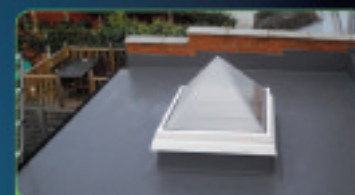
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Royal Wedding special

Thoughts on the big day

■ **Tricky Sheff** (top left), business owner, from Brentwood.

William is a man's man - he is a proper man, not a wuss. He is what a man should be. I think it will last, although it would be rare because the Royals just don't last that well in their relationships.

I think they are well suited, and that they will make the grade.

They are both normal people, not highly strung inter-breeds. The Royals before them have all been wrong 'uns.

■ **Niccole Eustration** (top second left), fitness trainer, 21, from Basildon.

I think it will be a beautiful day, they make a beautiful couple. I wish them the very best and hope their dreams come true. It is a shame I will be working. I will record the wedding so I can watch it when I have finished work.

■ **Remi Wilson** (top second right), receptionist, 19, from Bulphan.

I will be on holiday with a friend in Turkey for ten days. I haven't really thought about the wedding because I will be flying out before it all happens, but I wish them the very best.

I probably wouldn't watch it if I was in the country, it's just not my thing at all.

■ **Kay Pooley** (top right), office man-



er, from Benfleet.

I wish them well, but unfortunately it will not affect me at all because I will be working, so I won't be able to watch it. I think they will last as a couple because they have been together a while.

■ **Richard Orchard-Rowe** (below left), manager, 26, from Laindon.

It's lovely to see two people find love, the very best of luck to them. I am not a royalist so it doesn't really affect me and I doubt very much I would watch it.

■ **Lee Ennis** (below right), 32, from Pitsea.

I am not very patriotic really. On the day of the Royal wedding, I will be surfing in Newquay with a group of friends and family, so I will not be watching the wedding. Having said that, I hope it goes well.



Wills and Kate meet up

CANVEY grandfather William Windsor was just eight when Queen Elizabeth came to the throne in 1952. But little did he know the impact Her Majesty would have on his life.

The former Westcliff High School student, 67, has often been asked - and still is today - if he is related to the Queen.

William - who is known to many as Bill - married his wife, Jackie, three years ago.

Jackie did not marry into the name Windsor because she already shared the same surname as her husband before tying the knot.

Amazingly, their road, Windsor Close, was named after William's family more than 30 years ago.

■ **KATIE** Middleton did not realise the significance of her name when she married her husband seven years ago. But since then, things have not been easy.

"I get comments all the time, especially at work," she said. "My friends and family don't really take much notice, but it can be quite annoying, especially now the wedding is getting nearer. People keep making comments like, 'Can I come to the wedding?'"

The former Bromfords School pupil will be watching the big day on TV with her family.

Will you be watching William and Kate tie the knot? We asked people how important the wedding is to them and their thoughts on the couple. Here is what they said. By Suzi Muston

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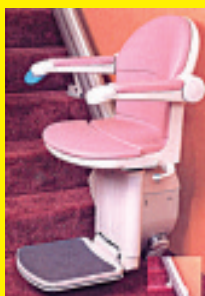
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Royal Wedding special

Our married monarchs

By Peter Henn

EVERYONE knows about Henry VIII's six wives, but as Prince William gets ready to marry Kate Middleton, we look at the range of Royal marriages that have taken place over the years.

Perhaps the most powerful Royal union was that of Mary I and Philip II of Spain.

The pair married at Winchester Cathedral on July 25, 1554, 18 months before Philip ascended the Spanish throne after the abdication of his father, Charles V.

Their marriage caused controversy and rebellion. It was believed the Catholic Mary's marriage to the son of the Holy Roman Emperor would turn England into a client state of the Habsburg dynasty.

This concern led to the uprising known as Wyatt's Rebellion, led by Thomas Wyatt the Younger, which marched on London, and so nearly deposed Mary in favour of her Protestant sister, Elizabeth.

The rebellion was quashed, and Philip reigned as co-consort with Mary, but upon her death in 1558, he returned to Spain and Elizabeth took the throne. Famously, she remained unmarried.

A series of Kings and Queens came and went, with some of the most notable including Charles II, who, despite having 12 illegitimate

children by a string of mistresses, did not find his Portuguese wife, Catherine of Braganza, attractive.

However, legend has it that Queen Catherine gave one indelible legacy to Britain.

At the time, the Portuguese were fond of drinking tea, and the Queen brought the tradition to Britain.

More than 100 years later, drama came to royalty. The future George IV had already married the Catholic Maria Fitzherbert, but the Act of Succession, imposed by William III in an attempt to banish Catholicism from Britain, meant the marriage was not valid.

George had to find a Protestant bride and married Caroline of Brunswick in 1795. However, George was drunk, and found his wife repulsive.

He wanted a divorce, but this was never granted and the couple separated, with George serving as Regent as the result of his father, George III, illness, and Caroline living in Italy.

When George III died in 1820, and his son became King, it meant Caroline was Queen - something which displeased George IV greatly.

In an attempt to stop her claiming the throne, he even put her on trial for adultery under the newly-introduced Pains and Penalties Bill.

Caroline was found guilty

and after the Bill was overturned, accepted £50,000 to leave Britain and never return. She died a year later, in 1821.

A much happier marriage was between George's niece, Queen Victoria, and Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

Their marriage produced nine children and Albert, a German prince, threw himself into the life of his adopted nation.

In the 1930s, however, it was a lack of marriage that was to cause the Royal family trouble.

Edward VIII fell in love with American divorcee Wallis Simpson, which caused a problem because the King, as Supreme Head of the Church of England, could not marry a divorcee.

Edward was forced to abdicate, leaving his younger brother, Albert, to ascend to the throne as George VI.

Edward was made Duke of Windsor, and married Mrs Simpson. His brother had married Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon in 1923.

The marriage was a success, lasting until the King's early death in 1952 and, of course, Elizabeth lived until the age of 101, dying in 2002.

Over four centuries, Royal marriages have produced more than their fair share of stories. Let us hope William and Kate's is a happy one.

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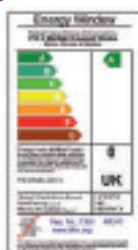
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21 traffic lights introduced. Some winners but other losers. The apparent filter lane from Manners Way is positively dangerous, plus two lanes into one. It is difficult to see how any marginal increase in the flow justifies the huge cost and disruption.

Progress Road

Two lanes into three, then back to two within a few yards - madness!

York Road Market

Established traders were given short notice to move out on 'Health and Safety' reasons, but Southend Council

had been responsible for its maintenance! With a little imagination it could have been an excellent antique and collectors market. Now it's a car park.

Golden Mile

City Beach?!! The road changes took an inordinate amount of time to complete with no apparent benefit. If the intention is to make the area look nicer why not help remove the eyesore 'amusement' façades - e.g. Coloured lamp pylons to turn night into day - why? The illuminations used to be an attraction - will large lamp posts?!

Car Parking

A Southend Council car park ticket should be usable in any other Council car park within the time limit. Does the Council want to encourage people to shop at Lakeside and Bluewater with their free parking? Their proposed extension to 9pm has been shelved - for now - but after the election? And now charges to be extended to Thorpe Bay esplanade, Southend East Station etc. At this rate soon all Southend's streets will have the dreaded ticket machines and enforcement officers circling constantly like vultures, to help pay for the Council's mistakes and policies (e.g. Esplanade parking).

Warrior Square

The Council has taken the most central green and tranquil space in Southend, cut down trees planted in 19th Century, ripped up the grass in order to lay paving and concrete that will soon be covered in chewing gum and skateboarders. Plus a modern cafe that will be totally out-of-keeping with the Victorian square. Utter vandalism!

Sea-front Museum

Another mindless plan, this time to build a modern museum to house, among other things, the exhibits found near Priory Park (which already has a

more suitable museum). Is it as a tourist attraction? Who is the town for? All because the Council cut down the trees on the cliffs which helped cause the landslide in the first place.

Sea Front 'Artwork'

New removed at a cost of over £400,000 - for a perspex wall - madness!

Traffic Islands

For example, one on the sea-front in Thorpe Bay was removed and replaced by one about 1ft wider and the pavement has to be reduced by an equivalent amount, so the overall costs are thousands of pounds for each.

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New Library

At a cost of £27 million and increasing -why? Libraries need books and facilities, not more architects doodles (not that they seem capable of designing anything other than boxes). Just so the 'university' students do not have to walk so far, poor dears. Southchurch and Westcliff libraries will likely soon have to be closed to pay for it.

Tower Blocks

A discredited 1960s system but proposed by a Tory Councillor who does not even live in Southend.

City Status

The latest attempt by the councillors to get more power which will also increase their allowances and more funding for their wastefully grandiose schemes. If you want even more people to be crammed into this crowded corner of Essex with more queue - jumping immigrants, vote Conservative!!

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'Lego' House

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Tax on outside seating

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Royal Wedding special

Wills and Kate make history

April 29 will go down in history as the day the possible future King of England got married. Here, we have a look back at some of the other historical moments that occurred on this day...



UNHOLY MATRIMONY: Adolf Hitler married Eva Braun on this day.

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On this day in 1945, the German Army surrendered to the Allies.

Meanwhile, in a bunker in Berlin, Adolf Hitler married Eva Braun. The next day, the pair committed suicide.

April 29 has been a day for Royal weddings

in the past. In 1964, Princess Irene of the Netherlands married Spanish prince Carl Hugo de Bourbon Parma. However, because the princess did

not obtain the proper approval for the union, she lost her right to succession to the Dutch throne and agreed that from then on, she would live outside the country.

Wrecking cranes began tearing down the Berlin Wall in Germany. And to finish with a Royal hue, this day in 1993 saw the gates of Buckingham Palace

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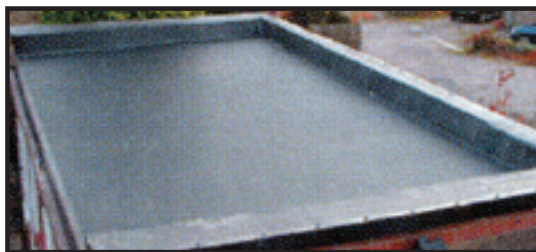
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Gearing up for the occasion

By Martyn Dalton

THOSE who remember the high profile wedding of Charles to Diana in 1981 may remember the odd souvenir on sale, be it a commemorative mug, plate or tea towel.

But the latest Royal wedding has proved those days are well and truly behind us and that anything can - and has - been turned into a souvenir for the big day.

One retailer that has seen Royal souvenirs flying off the shelves has been bargain shop, 99p Stores.

The discount retailer has a whole range of items available ranging from traditional mugs and plates to other items including

confectionery, trays, pillows calendars, and the old fashioned Union Jack flag with a picture of the happy couple.

Manager of the Basildon store, Denise Scott, said: "There are lots of people who want a little something to mark the big day.

"In these times, savvy shoppers are looking for bargains, so our affordable merchandise, which is a snip of the price, is proving extremely popular."

Retailers all over the country are finding different items to turn into a Royal souvenir and the list of 'unusual' items is growing by the day.

There are a whole host of items simply thanking the Royal couple for the free day

off, and if you want to give your own throne a Royal makeover, you can purchase a commemorative Wills and Kate loo cover.

But one of the most unusual items, which started as a joke between friends, is a commemorative Royal Wedding sick bag.

Graphic Design graduate Lydia Leith designed the bags after a friend said she was sick of hearing about the wedding.

Lydia has since sold more than 5,000 bags worldwide and the orders are still flooding in.

She said: "It's not what you would expect for a Royal Wedding, but people - even those who are excited about the wedding - have seen the funny side."



FLYING THE FLAG: 99p Stores Manager Denise Scott with some of the merchandise available. Picture by Martin Dalton

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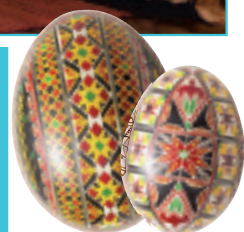
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PARTY: Teri-Ann Twine and Daniel Twine.
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Party time on the streets

Kate and her groom are not the only ones who will wake up hoping the day goes well – and the sun shines. Tens of thousands of people will organise street parties. Some of you tell us what a right Royal effort it has been...

TERI-ANN Twine has invited Basildon residents en masse to her party – and it looks like many of

them will turn up for an afternoon of fun, food and frolics.

She is part of the family-run Doorsteps cafe and thought the Royal Wedding was a real opportunity for a community party.

Since March, Teri-Ann's team of eight have pushed 2,000 party flyers through letterboxes in Lee Chapel South.

The party will be held in a pedestrianised space outside the cafe with shops and a hall on three sides.

Partygoers will be asked to pay £1 to join in the fun, and the organisers will produce all the food, drink and entertainment.

Leanne Marriott, who is one of Teri-Ann's team, set up a Facebook page about the party, and three weeks ago, 43 families had already said they would be attending.

"We are all excited about the party and working hard to make it a great day," said Teri-Ann.

■ The party starts at 1pm.

Wedding plans

CELIA RILEY has invited all and sundry to a 'community wedding reception' in Thorpe Bay Broadway.

About 8,000 homes have been sent details of the party, which will begin at 4.30pm, will peel of bells from St Augustine's Church.

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By Martin Dalton

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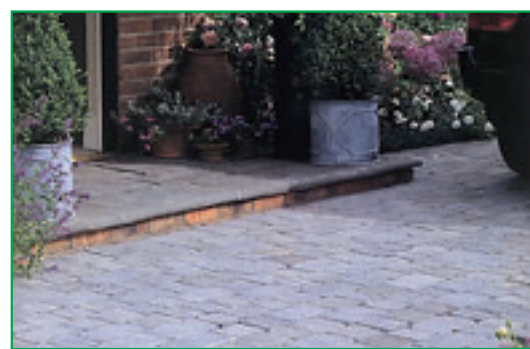
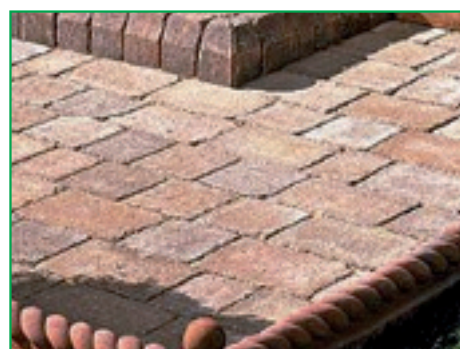
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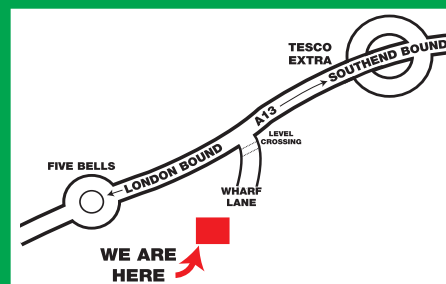


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Fly high in the jungle

by Liam Creedon

GLIDING weightlessly through a white tunnel with the view obscured by a soft, billowing mist must surely be what it feels like to die. Except, in the final moments before shuffling off this mortal coil, I shouldn't be seeing monkeys gibbering away metres below me.

A splodge of mud in the eye does wonders to bring you back to reality. Of course I wasn't dying - I was zip wiring, careering high above the Costa Rican cloud forest.

Costa Rica is an ecological hotspot - something wildlife lovers and more intrepid travellers have known for years, flocking to the cloud forests, reefs and volcanoes to glimpse its seemingly endless variety of wildlife.

Costa Ricans, or 'Ticos', are fiercely proud not only of their ecological riches but also of their country's stability and prosperity in the unsettled Central American region. A telling boast is that Costa Rica employs more teachers than police. And, remarkably, it has no army.

These factors make Costa Rica, or the 'rich coast' as its Spanish translation testifies, a unique tourist spot and now travel companies are cottoning on to its vast potential.

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STUNNING: A typical beach in Costa Rica.
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TRAVEL FACTS

Liam was a guest of First Choice and flew on Thomson Airways' weekly flight from Gatwick to Liberia, Costa Rica, with prices starting at £469 return. First Choice doesn't have a Costa Rica programme for 2011/12 but other operators include Explore. To book flights, call Thomson Airways on 0871 231 4787 or visit www.thomsonairways.co.uk. For more about Explore, call 0844 499 0901 or see www.explore.co.uk

Choice are centred on the magical Guanacaste region, on

Costa Rica's north west coast.

One of the first surprises about Guanacaste is that it is cowboy country. Despite the profusion of jeeps, the horse is king.

We got into the saddle at the Hacienda Guachipelin, a working farm in the foothills of the Rincon de la Vieja national park.

Following our exertions on horseback, an afternoon by the river had been promised. Relaxing it was not.

The Hacienda, like much of Costa Rica, specialises in terrifying outdoor activities. We were to 'tube'

down the Rio Colorado.

Arriving alongside the raging torrent, we were presented with crash helmets, life vests and a large rubber ring. The ring, it transpires, is a giant inner-tube, which we were instructed to sit upon and abandon our fate to the current.

Respite came the next day in the guise of cocktails, coatis and lava. We were heading inland towards Costa Rica's volcanic spine.

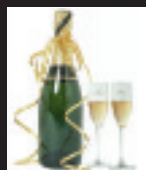
The country is not just about adrenalin hits in the great outdoors, though. We enjoyed a catamaran voyage into the inky Pacific before heading back to the RIU hotel on the butter-coloured crescent of Playa Matapalo beach. Heaven seemed very close at hand...

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Saturday, April 30

- Annual Plant Sale, Thorndon Countryside Centre, organised by Brentwood and Billericay Group of the Essex Wildlife Trust, 10am-5pm, to Monday May 2, homemade cakes, preserves and craft stall, all profits to local wildlife projects.
- Plant Sale, WI Hall, Rochford Square, Rochford, 9am-noon, admission 50p.
- Charity Concert, Avenue Baptist Church, Milton Road, Westcliff, 'The Leigh Orpheus Male Voice Choir', 7.30pm, tickets £8, concessions £7. 01702 547315.
- Live Music, Margueriteville Country Music Club, St Michael's and All the Angels Church Hall, 62 Leigh Road, Leigh, 'Rick Storm', 8-11pm, entrance members £5.50, non-members £6, call Darrell to reserve seat 07825 686249.
- Rayleigh History Walk, The National Trust, from Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane (off High Street), 3pm, £2 per person, (National Trust Members £1, Mike Stone 01268 775328.
- Tenpin Bowling Club, Kursaal, Southend, (beginners welcome) 8-11 years, 9.30-11.45am, first week free, enquiries Bob 01702 505311.
- Dad's and Kids Club, The Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls 5-17 years with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.

Sunday, May 1

- Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides, situated by Waterside Sports Centre, Somnes Avenue, Canvey, 10.30am-4pm, adults and children £1 each a ride, choice of two railways steam and electric locos, all welcome,

weather permitting.

- Open, The Hockley and District Horticultural Society trading, every Sunday 10am-noon, for all your gardening sundries, situated behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.
- Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, 1pm. 01702 345247.
- Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Pauls, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, every Sunday 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children 3-12 years), Bible stories, craft, singing, every Sunday 10.45-11.45am, no charge, further details 01702 554904.

Monday, May 2

- Rayleigh Church newly restored tower open, 10am-5pm, in aid of Friends of Holy Trinity Rayleigh, £3 adults, £1 children (accompanied and 8 years minimum), last tower tour 4.30pm, bell ringing demonstration, refreshments and stalls in Church and Parish Centre.
- Jazz, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, Ron Spack's Jazztet with Tony Pethan saxophone/Alex Field guitar, 8.30pm. 01702 512819.

Tuesday, May 3

- Meeting, National Federation of the Blind, Southend Branch, invites any blind or partially sighted person to our local branch, first Tuesday of month, further details Mrs Jill Allen-King 01702 477899.
- Meeting, Eastwood Cockethurst Townswomen's Guild, Eastwood Community Centre, 7.30pm, new members welcome.
- Folk Music, Anchor Folk Club, The Ship, New Road, Leigh, 'Dave Burland', 8pm. 01702 715111.
- Mainstream Jazz, Spike's Place Jazz Club, Hadleigh Hall, Rectory Road, Hadleigh, Ron Drake plus Ted Beament Trio, 8.30pm.
- Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group meets every Tuesday and Friday, Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, wide range of activities and outings, Tuesday 9.30am-2pm and

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Friday 10am-2.30pm.

- Meeting, Hockley Scrabble Club, Methodist Church Hall, Main Road, Hockley, every Tuesday 6.30-10pm, new members and visitors welcome, please note new venue. 01702 205833.
- Are you single and over 50? Come and join our friendship group at 8.30pm every Tuesday at South Benfleet Club, Benfleet. Call Maureen on 01268 692998.
- New and Nearly New Stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), every Tuesday 10am-noon.
- Table Tennis, Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Tuesdays 7.30-10.30pm, all welcome, £3.50 a session. 01268 779100.
- Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, every Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.
- Singles Friendship Club for 55s and over, South Benfleet Social Club, every Tuesday, further details Maureen 01268 692998.
- Singles Social Group, meets Halfway House Pub, Eastern Esplanade, Southend sea front, age group 50-65, every Tuesday 8pm. 07752 613021.
- Carpet Bowls, Eastwood Community Hall, by Morrisons, Tuesdays 1.45-3.45pm, come and try, no experience necessary, also Thursdays 3.30-5.30pm.
- Card Making Classes, The Seniors' Club, Hullbridge Day Centre, Wandermere Avenue, Hullbridge, Tuesdays 7-9pm. 01702 233098.
- Walking Club, Phoenix Striders, meet 7pm Markhams Chase Sports Centre, fun hour walking depart 7.15pm, every Tuesday and Thursday. 01268 415469.
- Social Tea Dance, St Cedds Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff, 1.45pm. 07833 664443.
- Social Tea Dance, Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon, Tuesdays 2-4pm. 01702 230480.
- NCT Bumps and Babies, social group for expectant and new mums, Langham Hall, Langham Crescent, Billericay, every Tuesday 1-2.30pm. 01268 452781.
- Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, Tuesdays 7-9.45pm,

for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, membership details 01702 341250.

- Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, further details 01702 478691/525141/340617.
- Depression: Self Help Group, every Tuesday 8-9.30pm, and Thursdays 12.30-2pm, we are a very successful and caring group, Michael 01268 527283.
- Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, every Tuesday 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.
- Shoebury Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to 5 years. 01702 577656.
- Cherrydown Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Toddler Development (9-18 months), 10-11.30am; Baby Development (0-9 months) 10-11.30am; Healthy Snack 11.30pm-noon; Breastfeeding Support Group noon-2pm.
- Mucky Mits, Messy Play, Leigh Cricket Club (West Side), Chalkwell Park, Leigh, 1-4 years, 10-11.15am, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays, further details or to book a session call 01702 471492/473626.
- Mum2Mum, Breastfeeding support group, St Michael's Church Annexe, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, Tuesdays 10.30am-noon, pregnant mums welcome. 07801 097605.
- Breastfeeding Support Group, St Andrew's Church, London Road, Wickford, Tuesdays 2-4pm, donation £1 to cover refreshments.
- Breastfeeding Support Group, Shoebury Nursery, Delaware Road, Shoebury, Tuesdays 10am-noon. 01702 577744/07814 486497.

Wednesday, May 4

- Monthly Meeting, SE Essex RSPB Local Group, Main Hall, Blenheim School, School Way, Blenheim Chase, Leigh, Paul Fuller presents 'Strange Name for a Bird', 7.30 for 8-10pm,



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■ Meeting, Basildon Eating Disorders and Mental Health Support, group support first Wednesday of each month, 6-8pm, help-lines all other Wednesdays 5-8pm. 01268 442059 or 07944 189640.

■ Jazz, Half Crown, High Street, Benfleet, Ron Spack's Jazztet with Graham Hunter trumpet/Alex Field guitar, 8.30pm. 01268 754527.
■ Barn Dance Club, Grand Ceilidh Club, Riga Music Bar, The Cricketers, London Road, Westcliff, live music from Metric Foot, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.
■ Salsa, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, every Wednesday 11.30am-12.30pm, no partner required. 01268 465854.
■ Ballroom and Latin American Lessons, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh, every Wednesday 2.45-3.45pm, to raise funds for church hall. 01268 281488.

■ Southend Vox Choir, Temple Sutton School, Southend, every Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm, lively fun choir for adults (18+), call Jo 07969 216366.

■ Over 50s Session, Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Wednesdays and Thursdays 2-4pm, badminton and short mat bowls, session price £3.30 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 779100.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club, meet Wednesdays 8pm The Elms Pub, Leigh, age group 45-65 years, further details Sue 07917 573653.

■ Football Sessions for girls, Fryerns Recreation Ground, £1 drop in sessions, every Wednesday, 6-7pm, community project supported by Basildon Council, in association with Leigh Celtic Girls FC. 07882 456558.
■ Ladies Football, Futsal Fitness Sessions, Fryerns Recreation Ground, community project supported by Basildon Council, £1 drop in sessions every Wednesday 7-8pm, ages 16-60, call Paul 07882 456558.

■ Rayleigh Country Market, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, every Wednesday 8.30-11.30am.

■ Breastmats, The Cambridge Road

Children's Centre, Cambridge Road, Southend, every Wednesday 10am-noon, support for breastfeeding. 07837 236656.

■ Parent and Toddler Group, Honeybees, Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, High Road, Laindon, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9.30am and 10.30am. 01268 449431/07944 983734.

■ Parent and Toddler Group, Buttercup Club, Scout Hall, Ellensbrook Close, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, Wednesdays and Thursdays. 01702 712150.

■ Parent and Toddler Group, Little Angels, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Laindon, Wednesdays 1-3pm.

■ Parent and Toddler Group, Cherrydown Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm.

Thursday, May 5

■ Meeting, Parkinson's UK, Crowstone Christian Centre, Crowstone Road, Westcliff, 2-4pm, £2 including refreshments, anyone with Parkinson's, carers, friends and families welcome, further details Joyce May 01702 339088.

■ Jazz at the Wellstead Gardens and Sports and Social Club, off Kenilworth Gardens (between 27-29 Wellstead Gardens), relaxing jazz with Carol Braithwaite and Tino Phil Mead - piano, Mike Sagrott - guitar, Ted Simkins - Bass, 8-10.30pm, admission £4, enquiries 01702 344855.

■ Meeting, Thundersley Gardening Association, Swans Green Hall, Hart Road, Thundersley, speaker John Burrows 'Preparation of Horticultural Exhibits' 7.45pm, refreshments served, admission £2.50.

■ New Art Class, Westcliff United Reform Church, Kings Road, Westcliff, 1-3pm, beginners acrylics, oils and drawing, with artist and tutor Paul Alcock. 01702 615475.

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■ Hit and Miss Table Tennis sessions, Hockley Table Tennis Club welcomes Juniors (under 16) between 5-7pm, coaching available (free), followed by those over 16 at 7.30-9.30pm, all ages

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■ Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.

■ Whist Drive, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Marguerite Drive, Leigh, Thursdays 1.45pm, entry £1.20.

■ Drama/Social Club, working for Animal Charities, St George's Hall (near Tarpots), Rushbottom Lane, Benfleet, new members needed, no acting experience required, Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 697357.

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■ Meeting, Billericay Baby Cafe, Community Church, Queens Park, Billericay, for Breastfeeding mums, Thursdays (term time), 12.30pm.

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Friday, May 6

■ Coffee Morning, Chalkwell Park Methodist Church, corner of Kingsway and Eastwood Lane South (off Southbourne Grove), Westcliff, gift stall, books, homemade cakes, 10am-noon.

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The Shadhona, which seats up to 70 diners, is fully licensed and air-conditioned with its own car park for customers.

It is open from noon to 2.30pm seven days a week, as well as from 6pm to 11pm, from Sunday to Thursday, and from 6pm to 11.30pm on Friday and Saturday.

For further information, or to make a reservation, call The Shadhona on 01702 207188 or 01702 206060.




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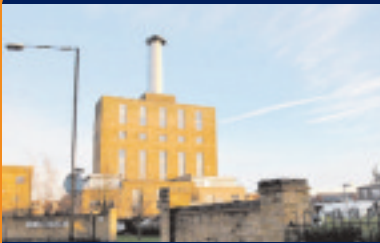


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CANVEY ISLAND £229,995
Detached four bedroom house located on a corner position with off street parking for several vehicles and a garage. Modern and contemporary decorated by the present owners. Large lounge, kitchen/diner and sun lounge. MUST BE VIEWED INSIDE!



CANVEY ISLAND £239,995
IMPRESSIVE WIDE PLOT, DETACHED MODERN BUNGALOW AND WEST FACING GARDEN!! This very well presented FOUR bed bungalow has been completely redecorated throughout encouraging potential buyers to view as soon as possible



CANVEY ISLAND £249,995
LARGE EXTENSION TO REAR WITH PATIO DOORS LEADING OUT TO LARGE REAR GARDEN!! This Four large Bedroom detached family home has a few unique features making this house stand out from the rest!



CANVEY ISLAND £259,995
FOUR bedroom detached house near to the sea front. Immaculate accommodation including a beautiful conservatory, separate dining room, large kitchen/breakfast room, ground floor WC, ensuite Shower and family bathroom.



CANVEY ISLAND £274,995
THIS IS SPECIAL!! ONLY A VIEWING WILL PROVIDE ANY POTENTIAL BUYER WITH THE APPRECIATION ON JUST HOW PERFECT THIS HOME IS!! Four bedroom semi detached chalet style property.



CANVEY ISLAND £295,000
Anthony Quirk Estate Agents take pleasure in offering for sale this very impressive Four Bedroom Detached House boasting Four double bedrooms, with the Master having an en-suite shower room. Three reception rooms and utility room off the kitchen.



CANVEY ISLAND £135,000
We have pleasure in offering for sale with no onward chain, this ONE bedroom detached bungalow. The property has double glazing, radiator heating and a garage via own driveway. Located towards the point end of Canvey Island.



CANVEY ISLAND £229,995
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WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £184,950

Situated within a central and popular location of Westcliff, just North of the London Road is this spacious three bedroom semi detached family house. The property offers spacious living accommodation and benefits from full double glazing and gas central heating along with South backing garden, off street parking, early vacant possession.



WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £99,500

Offering no onward chain is this one bedroom end of terrace house situated within a central location of Westcliff. The property is immaculately maintained throughout and benefits from double glazing and gas central heating, small courtyard garden and allocated off street parking.



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £127,000

Being situated within the Heart of the Clifftown Conservation area within close proximity to town, bowling green and Cliff gardens is this immaculate one bedroom retirement bungalow being one of only two of the larger bungalows within the complex. The property is warden controlled and comes with careline facilities.



HADLEIGH £550,000

A unique opportunity has arisen to purchase this fully refurbished detached bungalow situated within a most sought after and desirable turning backing onto Belfairs nature reserve. The property offers substantial living accommodation as well as two double bedrooms and has attractive kitchen and bathroom fittings. Established West backing garden, garage and parking. Cavity wall insulation.



CLIFFTOWN CONSERVATION AREA £164,995

Being situated within the sought after Clifftown Conservation Area is this attractive and fully refurbished two bedroom ground floor apartment having the advantage of open plan kitchen and living room along with own rear garden and off street parking. The apartment also has the added advantage of acoustic sound proofing.



SHOREFIELD CONSERVATION AREA £134,950

Attractive one bedroom Mews house located in a private gated mews in the heart of Shorefield Conservation Area within close distance of cliff gardens, Southend town centre and railway station. The property has been immaculately maintained throughout with quality fittings. Unique opportunity.



WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £124,995

Central location of Westcliff South of the London Road close to mainline railway station is this attractive two double bedroom ground floor flat. The property benefits from its own rear garden and off street parking. Ideal first time purchase.



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £129,950

Being situated within a sought after location of Southchurch is this two double bedroom, two reception room purpose built ground floor flat. The property benefits from full double glazing and gas central heating and also has the advantage of its own rear garden. Ideal first time purchase.



WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £109,950

Being situated within a central location of Westcliff is this vacant spacious ground floor flat having the advantage of double glazing and gas central heating. The property also benefits from own half of rear garden.



CLIFFTOWN CONSERVATION AREA £259,950

Spacious 2nd and 3rd floor Clifftown maisonette within the Clifftown Conservation Area. Superb extensive views over the Estuary. 21.8 x 18'4" Lounge/Diner, good size kitchen, two double bedrooms, Bathroom incorporating shower cubicle, separate wc.



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £105,000

Immaculate one bedroom ground floor purpose built apartment being situated within a sought after development within close proximity of Southend High Street and railway station. The property benefits from secure underground parking and attractive communal gardens.



WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £375,000

Being situated within the sought after Leas Conservation Area is this attractive and spacious 2nd floor penthouse apartment offering extensive and uninterrupted views over the Estuary. The property has the advantage of spacious living accommodation including balcony and has large spacious reception hall along with two double bedrooms.



SHOEBURYNESSE £129,995

Being situated in a popular location of Shoebury, close to Shoebury East beach is this spacious two double bedroom ground floor purpose built apartment. The property benefits from attractive lounge/diner with direct access onto communal gardens.

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WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £695 pcm

Purpose built 12th floor seafront apartment, attractive lounge with balcony offering views over the Estuary, two double bedrooms, master bedroom with fitted bedroom furniture, fitted kitchen with oven and hob with extractor fan, attractive shower room, separate wc, full double glazing, communal parking.



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £650 pcm

Garden flat situated within a central location of Southend being self contained, spacious lounge, two double bedrooms, fitted kitchen with integrated oven and grill with electric hob and extractor fan, utility area with plumbing for washing machine and space for upright fridge/freezer, bathroom/wc, own area of rear garden, full gas central heating, majority of double glazing. Sharers considered.



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £795 pcm

Terraced family house within a central location of Westcliff, lounge, kitchen/diner, kitchen area with fitted units and integrated four ring electric hob with oven and grill under, extractor fan, washing machine and fridge/ freezer, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom/wc, double glazing, gas central heating, attractive rear garden



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £495 pcm

Situated within a central location of Southend within close proximity to Southend Town Centre, is this first floor flat offering spacious accommodation throughout and benefiting from large lounge/diner, kitchen, bathroom/wc, two double bedrooms.

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SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION



WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £299,995

* GREATLY EXTENDED AND MUCH IMPROVED IS THIS CHARMING SEMI DETACHED HOUSE LOCATED CLOSE TO SCHOOLS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES * Four bedrooms * Nursery/ Study * Lounge * Kitchen/ Diner * Bathroom * En-suite shower room * Summer house/ Office * West facing garden 140ft approx * Off street parking * Double glazing * Gas central heating * Ref:ETS4410

LONG LEASE



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £93,000

* CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SOUTHEND EAST MAINLINE STATION IS THIS FIRST FLOOR FLAT * One bedroom * Lounge * Kitchen * Bathroom * Communal Garden * Parking * Double glazing * Gas central heating * Ref: ETS4379

CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £129,995

* INTERNAL VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE THIS FIRST FLOOR FLAT LOCATED CLOSE TO SOUTHEND TOWN CENTRE * Two bedrooms * Lounge * Kitchen * Bathroom * Own section of rear garden * Double glazing * Gas central heating * Ref:ETS4408

SOUTH BACKING GARDEN



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £85,000

* GROUND FLOOR FLAT SITUATED IN A POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA CONVENIENT FOR LOCAL AMENITIES * One double bedroom * Lounge * Kitchen * Shower room * South backing garden * Gas central heating * Ref:ETS4409

CLOSE TO PRIORY PARK



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £139,995

* DELIGHTFUL TERRACE HOUSE CONVENIENT FOR PRIORY PARK AND PRITTEWELL MAINLINE STATION * Two double bedrooms * Lounge * Kitchen * Bathroom * Garden * Mostly double glazed * Gas central heating * Ref: ETS4406

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WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £169,995

* SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE WITH GARAGE AND GENEROUS OFF STREET PARKING * Three bedrooms * Two reception rooms * Kitchen * Bathroom * Double glazing * Gas central heating * South backing garden * Garage * Off street parking * Ref: ETS4355

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £425 pcm

* GROUND FLOOR FLAT IDEALLY LOCATED FOR SOUTHEND TOWN CENTRE, MAINLINE STATIONS AND BUS ROUTES * One Bedroom * Lounge/Kitchen * Bathroom * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R360

PARKING

LEIGH-ON-SEA £525 pcm

* FIRST FLOOR FLAT CONVENIENT FOR LEIGH SHOPPING AND LOCAL BUS ROUTES * One bedroom * Spacious lounge * Fitted kitchen * Bathroom/WC * Night Storage heaters * Double glazing * Communal Terrace * Unfurnished * Parking * Ref: R1150

CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £525 pcm

FIRST FLOOR FLAT IN AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR SOUTHEND TOWN CENTRE AND MAINLINE STATIONS * One bedroom * Lounge * Kitchen * Bathroom & separate wc * Own garden backing onto Churchill Gardens * Off street parking * Fitted carpets * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R1028

CLOSE TO PRIORY PARK

SOUTHEND ON SEA £550 pcm

* FIRST FLOOR FLAT IDEAL LOCATION FOR SOUTHEND TOWN CENTRE, MAINLINE STATIONS & PRIORY PARK * Two bedrooms * Lounge * Kitchen * Bathroom * Own parking space * Night storage heaters * Unfurnished * Ref: R1279

CLOSE TO BELFAIRS PARK

LEIGH-ON-SEA £575 pcm

* PURPOSE BUILT GROUND FLOOR FLAT SITUATED CLOSE TO LOCAL BUS ROUTES AND BELFAIRS PARK * Two bedrooms * Lounge * Kitchen * Bathroom * Night storage heaters * Small courtyard garden * Double glazing * Fitted carpets * Unfurnished * Ref: R855

NEW INSTRUCTION

HADLEIGH £625 pcm

* FIRST FLOOR FLAT SITUATED IN THE HEART OF HADLEIGH HIGH STREET * Two double bedrooms * Lounge * Kitchen/Breakfast room * Bathroom * Separate wc * Double glazed * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R936

SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATION

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £725 pcm

* SPACIOUS TERRACE HOUSE CONVENIENT FOR LOCAL AMENITIES AND BUS ROUTES * Two double bedrooms * Three reception rooms * Kitchen * Bathroom * Garden * Part double glazed * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R1516

THREE BEDROOMS

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £750 pcm

* SPACIOUS 1ST AND 2ND FLOOR MAISONETTE SITUATED CLOSE TO CHALKWELL PARK * Three Bedrooms * Lounge * Fitted Kitchen * Bathroom * Separate WC * Double glazing * Gas Central Heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R1081

NEW INSTRUCTION

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £830 pcm

* THREE BEDROOM TERRACE HOUSE SITUATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA * Two double bedrooms * One single bedroom * Two reception rooms * Kitchen * Bathroom * South backing garden * Double glazing * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R606



A SELECTION OF PROPERTIES TO BE OFFERED IN OUR NEXT AUCTION ON WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY AT 1PM

**23 Albany Avenue
Westcliff on Sea
Guide Price**

£90,000 - £100,000

Ideal for owner occupation or investment, vacant two bedroom end terrace house with gas central heating and double glazing.



**24 Long House
Harlow
Guide Price**

£95,000 - £100,000

An excellent investment opportunity, three bedroom split level maisonette let on an AST, producing £8,340 pa.



**48 Harcourt Avenue
Southend on Sea
Guide Price**

£160,000 plus

In need of some re-furbishment, vacant extended 3/4 bedroom semi-detached house, gas central heating, close to town centre & stations



**Vancouver House,
Hastings Road
Southend on Sea
Guide Price**

£240,000 - £250,000

Spacious 6 bedroom detached house, gas central heating, double glazing, 2 bathrooms, 5 W.C.'s, potential for various uses, close to town centre & stations.



**41 Windermere Road
Southend on Sea
Guide Price £145,000 - £150,000**

End terrace 4 bedroom house in need of some refurbishment, 3 reception rooms, gas central heating, close to Southchurch Road & mainline station.



**50a Cotswold Road
Westcliff on Sea
Guide Price**

£95,000 - £100,000

Spacious 2 bedroom first floor flat south of London Road, close to station, good decorative order, potential 8% yield, offered with vacant possession.



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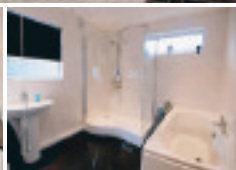
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Leigh-on-Sea £165,000

Three Bedroom End Of Terrace House - Popular Location - Lounge 15'3 x 11'7 - Kitchen 9'7 x 8'9 - Dining Room 8'2 x 8'0 - Bedroom One 14'11 x 10'5 - Bedroom Two 10'2 x 8'11 - Bedroom Three 9'8 x 7'6 - Partly Double Glazed - Good Size Rear Garden - Easy Access Of Local Shops And Bus Routes - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Hadleigh Guide Price £300,000 - £310,000

Deceptively Spacious Detached Chalet - Lounge 13'0 x 12'11 - Sitting Room/Bedroom Four 10'2 x 9'11 - Kitchen/Diner 23'10 x 8'5 - Luxury Bathroom Suite 8'4 x 8'2 - Small Conservatory - Three First Floor Bedrooms - First Floor Shower Room - Double Glazed - Gas Central Heating - Popular Cul De Sac Location - Easy Access Of Hadleigh Town Centre - Well Maintained Throughout - Viewing Advised

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Hadleigh £149,995

Three Bedroom Purpose Built Flat - Lounge 20'3 x 14'7 > 11'5 - Bedroom One 18'2 to built in wardrobes by 9'0 - Bedroom Two 17'0 x 8'8 - Bedroom Three 15'0 x 9'3 - Kitchen - Three Piece Bathroom Suite - Detached Garage - Own Rear Garden - Double Glazed Throughout - Full Gas Central Heating - Popular Location - Easy Access Of Town Centre & Hadleigh Castle - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Hadleigh £190,000

Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow - Lounge 17'3 x 11'3 > 7'11 - Sun Lounge 14'11 x 7'5 - Kitchen 10'8 x 9'2 - Bedroom One 15'1 x 10'5 - Bedroom Two 12'8 x 11'3 - Dining Room/Study 11'8 x 7'1 - Wet Room - Separate Cloakroom - Compact Rear Garden - Detached Garage - Independent Driveway - Extremely Popular Location - Easy Access Of Hadleigh Town Centre - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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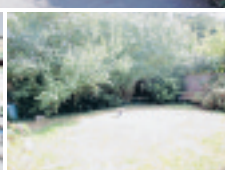
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Westcliff-on-Sea Guide Price £190,000 - £195,000

Three Bedroom End Of Terrace House - Convenient Location - Lounge 15'9 x 11'5 - Dining Room 11'11 x 9'10 - Kitchen 8'7 x 6'11 - Conservatory - Ground Floor Cloakroom - Bedroom One 15'9 x 11'1 - Bedroom Two 12'2 x 10'9 - Bedroom Three 7'7 x 5'10 - Three Piece Bathroom Suite - Easily Maintainable West Backing Rear Garden - Easy Access Of Southend Hospital - Easy Access Of The London Road - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Thundersley Offers In Excess Of £250,000

Detached Three Bedroom Family Home - Extremely Popular Sought After Cul De Sac Location - Pleasant Outlook To Rear Backing Directly on to Seevic College Tennis Courts - Lounge 18'5 x 10'11 - Dining Room 13'11 x 7'10 - Kitchen 14'10 x 8'6 - Bedroom One 18'5 x 7'11 Could Be Converted Into Two Rooms If Required - Bedroom Two 14'6 x 9'10 - Bedroom Three 11'2 x 8'3 - Three Piece Bathroom Suite - No Onward Chain - Double Glazed - Gas Boiler And Radiators - Extremely Popular Location - Good School Catchments - Viewing Advised

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Rayleigh £229,995

Three bedroom detached bungalow standing upon a very large plot with huge scope for improvement. The property offers spacious living accommodation and benefits from double glazed windows and a replacement boiler. Keys are held for an immediate appointment to view. No Chain.

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Rayleigh £138,000

Modern stylishly decorated two bedroom first floor apartment located within the prestigious Coppice Gate development at Rayleigh. The property features spacious living space and is an ideal first time purchase. In an effort to assist first time buyers the property is included within the Government assisted Key worker scheme which allows the buyer to pay 80% of the value hence the reduced asking price. Quick sale possible.

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Nelson Gardens, Rayleigh £399,995

Enjoy a relaxing view over adjacent playing fields from this well presented four bedroom detached family home positioned within a sought after turning in the Fitzwilliam Catchment area. The property features include modern kitchen & bathroom suites, Upvc double glazed Conservatory and a stunning rear garden. No onward chain!

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Elm Close, Rayleigh £249,995

An imposing fully detached two/three bedroom detached bungalow set well back from the road affording spacious well planned living accommodation situated in this eagerly sought after established residential area convenient for all local amenities including bus routes and mainline station. The property benefits from a good size garden and a key is held for viewing. Rare opportunity.

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Thundersley £725 pcm

Two bedroom top floor apartment situated within this exclusive development adjacent to Virgin sports centre, local woodland & local schools. This property benefits from having en-suite to master, open plan accommodation, allocated parking & security entry gates.

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Southchurch £1,300 pcm

Totally refurbished three/four bedroom semi detached house offering ample off street parking, garage, large kitchen/dining area with folding doors onto garden, downstairs shower room & luxury bathroom suite. Situated within walking distance to Thorpe school, Southchurch park and Thorpe Bay Esplanade. Viewings essential.

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Leigh On Sea £695 pcm

Immaculate purpose built two bedroom ground floor flat situated within the heart of Leigh on Sea within walking distance to shops & mainline train station. offering spacious accommodation, modern kitchen & parking. Available immediately.

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Hadleigh £725 pcm

Two bedroom ground floor flat offering spacious accommodation, en-suite to master, large lounge, fitted kitchen & allocated parking. This property is situated with a popular development close to main bus routes & local amenities.

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Benfleet £800 pcm

3 bedroom terraced house. With bathroom, good size lounge and Modern Kitchen. Central heating. Situated opposite Benfleet Train Station and close to local amenities. Off Street Parking for 2x cars. Must be viewed ***Available Now***



Benfleet £750 pcm

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Benfleet £600 pcm

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Benfleet £650 pcm

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Q. I only put my house on the market a few days ago and I've already had an offer. I am tempted to wait for a better one, but my agent is advising me to accept. What should I do?

A. This really all comes down to the question of how much you trust your agent. If you chose them purely because they were the cheapest, or because they obligingly gave you a higher valuation than anyone else, then I can readily understand why you may now be having doubts about the quality of their advice. Agents who routinely overvalue in order to gain the instruction are not being strictly honest with their clients at the very outset of the relationship - while when it comes to lower fees, it's worth remembering that you generally get what you pay for in life!

If, on the other hand, you chose your agent wisely - either on the basis of their professional reputation or through personal recommendation -- then I would strongly suggest that you trust their advice. After all, they are the experts on the local property market, not you. Naturally, like any vendor, you want to get the very best possible price for your most valuable asset, so it's tempting to believe that there are always higher offers just around the corner. Nevertheless, you know what they say about a bird in the hand!

Of course, you can always try hedging your bets by accepting this first offer while keeping your home on the market. After all, under the English system nothing is legally binding on either party until exchange of contracts. But I would be very cautious about doing so, not least because your agent would be obliged to inform your buyers of the fact, in writing - and you could end up losing them.

Indeed, all things considered, I would say that you are really quite fortunate to have received a reasonable offer so quickly. And on a positive note, the fact that you already have a firm offer under your belt means that you now have a much clearer idea of how much you can afford to spend on your next purchase.

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THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS... Spacious extended family house close to shops, station etc in popular area. Three reception rooms, conservatory, double glazing, gas central heating. Sure to sell swiftly. Early viewing advised. Ref: ebe2733



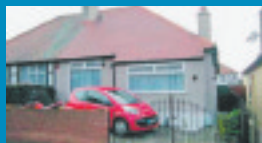
SOUTHEND £179,995

SURPRISINGLY SPACIOUS... 3 bed 2 reception family house in popular location. New luxury fitted kitchen, luxury 5 piece bathroom, double glazing, gas central heating, poss off street parking. Very nice example. Ref: ebe2765



SOUTHEND £174,995

SUNNY SOUTH BACKER... In popular location close, shops, schools etc, double glazed 3 bed house. 2 Receptions, fitted kitchen, modern bathroom, gas central heating, 60'0 south backing garden. Ref: ebe2763



SOUTHEND £169,995

SUPER SEMI BUNGALOW... Good value two bedroom bungalow, backing west in popular area. Off street parking, double glazing, gas central heating, fitted kitchen. Easy access to shops, schools etc. Nice example, recently reduced. Ref: ebe2564



SOUTHCHURCH VILLAGE £155,995

SURPRISINGLY SPACIOUS... Two bedroom cottage in popular village area close to shops, station etc. Newly fitted kitchen, partially refurbished, double glazing, gas central heating. No onward chain. Early viewing advised. Ref: ebe2761



SOUTHCHURCH VILLAGE £147,500

BIT OF A BARGAIN... In favoured Southchurch Village, close to shops, station etc, two double bedroom cottage with double glazing, gas central heating, good decorative order. Ideal first purchase or investment. Ref: ebe2759.



SOUTHCHURCH VILLAGE £124,995

LOVELY IN LOVELACE... Favoured Southchurch Village very close to station, shops etc. Spacious two bedroom first floor flat. Double glazing, gas central heating, off street parking, sun balcony. Recently reduced. Ref: ebe2521



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Government could fall short of affordable homes target

The government is expected to fall short on its attempt to deliver 150,000 new affordable homes by 2015, according to a new report released by Hometrack.

The housing intelligence group believes that the government's proposal to allow housing associations to charge higher rents could lead to an extra 56,500 affordable homes being constructed in the next four years.

When combined with the 68,000 new affordable homes that housing associations are already committed to building, Hometrack estimates that only 124,500 new homes would be built in England by 2015, significantly less than the government's target of 150,000.

The shortage of affordable homes is most acute in and around London and Essex, where housing waiting lists are growing and many would be property purchasers are being forced into rental accommodation due to a lack of new homes.

Housing minister Grant Shapps commented: "With some 4.5 million people on social housing waiting lists, it's clear that not only do we need more homes, but we also need a new way of funding them, which is less dependent on Whitehall and that offers much more flexibility for landlords."

"The new affordable rent scheme ticks both boxes. It offers landlords the freedom they need to offer a range of solutions to meet people's differing housing needs and circumstances, with greater opportunities to invest in house building. This will provide new affordable homes which could help some of the millions of families currently on housing waiting lists, which have been let down by a rigid, outdated system that fails to meet their needs."

Last month, a report from cross-party committee of MPs also warned that the government's affordable housing target was unrealistic, because of its decision to abolish regional plans in England.

The report said that the loss of the Regional Spatial Strategies (RSSs) introduced under Labour will leave a "vacuum at the heart of the English planning system" which will "hamper the UK's economic recovery and delay new house building".

To view a compressive list of affordable homes for sale log on to
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By Marc Da Silva



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ONLY
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3 YEARS
FREE SERVICING | 3 YEARS NISSAN
ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE | 3 YEARS
LOW RATE FINANCE | FROM £89*
PER MONTH!



**NEW
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- Radio/CD player and 4 speakers
- Electric speed-sensitive power steering • Front electric windows
- ABS with Brake Assist and EBD

**FROM
ONLY
£8,995**

3 YEARS
FREE SERVICING | 3 YEARS NISSAN
ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE | 3 YEARS
LOW RATE FINANCE | FROM £99*
PER MONTH!



**NEW
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- Drive computer • Power steering
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- ABS with EBD and Brake Assist
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ONLY
£12,995**

3 YEARS
FREE SERVICING | 3 YEARS NISSAN
ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE | 3 YEARS
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PER MONTH!



**NEW
Note**

- ABS with EBD and Brake Assist
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- Front electric windows

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£10,995**

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FREE SERVICING | 3 YEARS NISSAN
ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE | 3 YEARS
LOW RATE FINANCE | FROM £135*
PER MONTH!



**NEW
Qashqai**

- Drive computer
- Audio with Bluetooth compatibility
- Front and rear power windows
- ABS with Brake Assist and EBD

**FROM
ONLY
£14,995**

3 YEARS
FREE SERVICING | 3 YEARS NISSAN
ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE | 3 YEARS
LOW RATE FINANCE | FROM £115*
PER MONTH!



**NEW
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• BLUE • 21435 MILES

07 57 REG
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• BRONZE • 16,207 MILES

07 57 REG
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• BLUE • 40185 MILES

07 07 REG
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09 09 REG
**VW PASSAT 2.0 TDI
SPORT COUPE** WAS £17,995



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| 10 60 NISSAN MICRA N-TEC NIGHTSHADE, 0 MILES | £9,995 | £8,995 | 10 10 NISSAN NAVARA 2.5 DCI TEKNA GREY, 9,000 MILES | £19,995 + VAT | £19,000 + VAT |
| 10 60 NISSAN MICRA N-TEC RED, 0 MILES | £9,995 | £8,995 | 10 60 NISSAN NV 200 1.5 D SE RED, 2,000 MILES | £11,995 + VAT | £10,995 + VAT |
| 10 10 NISSAN PIXO 1.0 N-TEC SILVER, 4,000 MILES | £7,995 | £6,995 | 10 60 NISSAN PRIMASTAR 115 E WHITE, 0 MILES | £13,995 + VAT | £12,995 + VAT |
| 08 58 NISSAN NOTE 1.6 TEKNA BLACK, 17,135 MILES | £7,995 | £7,295 | 08 08 NISSAN NAVARA 2.5 DCI AV GREY, 56,000 MILES | £14,995 + VAT | £13,995 + VAT |
| 08 57 NISSAN NOTE 1.6 ACENTA BLACK, 16,594 MILES | £7,995 | £6,995 | 08 57 NISSAN NAVARA 2.5 AV AUTO SILVER, 56,500 MILES | £13,995 + VAT | £11,995 + VAT |
| 10 60 NISSAN X TRAIL 2.0DCI 173 TEKNA BOSE SILVER, 4,785 MILES | £27,995 | £26,995 | 08 08 NISSAN MICRA 1.2 ACENTA AUTO CAFFE LATTE, 7921 MILES | £8,995 | £8,295 |
| 07 07 NISSAN X TRAIL 2.5 COLUMBIA AUTO RED, 8,245 MILES | £12,995 | £11,995 | 08 58 NISSAN MICRA 1.5 DCI TEKNA RED, 11,154 MILES | £7,995 | £6,795 |
| 08 57 NISSAN X TRAIL 2.0 DCI SPORT AUTO TWILIGHT BRONZE, 28,161 MILES | £16,995 | £16,295 | 07 57 NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA AUTO SILVER, 32,674 MILES | £7,995 | £6,995 |
| 08 08 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI ACENTA SILVER, 49,000 MILES | £13,995 | £11,995 | 07 PRIVATE PLATE MAZDA MX5 1.8 CON BLUE, 21,245 MILES | £7,995 | £7,195 |
| 08 08 NISSAN QASHQAI 2.0DCI 4WD AUTO BLUE, 57,216 MILES | £14,995 | £13,995 | 09 58 SUZUKI SX4 1.6 GLX BLUE, 15,781 MILES | £6,995 | £5,995 |
| 07 07 NISSAN QASHQAI 2.0 TEKNA SILVER, 40,000 MILES | £14,995 | £13,595 | 08 57 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0D XE AUTOBLUE, 6,119 MILES | £13,995 | £12,995 |
| 10 59 NISSAN QASHQAI 2.0 DCI N-TEC SILVER, 9,683 MILES | £17,995 | £17,495 | 08 57 KIA SEDONA 2.9 D TS AUTOBLACK, 23,278 MILES | £13,495 | £12,495 |
| | | | 07 57 VW TOURAN 1.9 TDI S GREY, 61,837 MILES | £9,995 | £8,995 |

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| 07 57 NOTE TEKNA AUTO BLUE 21435 MILES | £7,995 | £5,995 | 09 59 QASHQAI NTEC 1.6 BLACK 12982 MILES | £17,495 | £16,495 |
| 07 07 NAVARA OUTLAW AUTO BLUE 40185 MILES | £13,995 +VAT | £12,995 +VAT | 10 10 QASHQAI VISIA 2.0 AUTO GREY 3998 MILES | £17,995 | £16,995 |
| 09 09 MICRA VISIA 1.2 3 DOOR RED 8977 MILES | £7,495 | £6,995 | 10 10 QASHQAI NTEC 1.5 DCI BLACK 8156 MILES | £18,995 | £17,995 |
| 08 58 MICRA ACTIVE LUX AUTO BLACK 17224 MILES | £8,995 | £6,995 | 07 57 QASHQAI VISIA 1.6 SILVER 13227 MILES | £12,495 | £11,495 |
| 08 08 MICRA ACENTA 5 DR AUTO SILVER 13744 MILES | £8,495 | £7,995 | 10 59 QASHQAI +2 NTEC DCI GOLD 17955 MILES | £19,995 | £18,995 |
| 08 08 MICRA ACENTA + 5 DOOR GREY 9997 MILES | £8,495 | £7,995 | 09 59 QASHQAI +2 NTEC DCI BLACK 17521 MILES | £19,995 | £18,995 |
| 07 57 NOTE ACENTA 1.4 BLACK 25998 MILES | £7,995 | £5,995 | 09 59 QASHQAI +2 NTEC DCI AUTO SILVER 14225 MILES | £22,995 | £21,995 |
| 09 09 NOTE ACENTA 1.6 AUTO SILVER 11225 MILES | £10,295 | £9,495 | 08 08 QASHQAI TEKNA 1.6 BLACK 22452 MILES | £14,995 | £13,995 |
| 09 59 NOTE ACENTA 1.6 AUTO BLUE 5677 MILES | £10,495 | £9,995 | 07 07 NAVARA OUTLAW AUTO BLUE 40185 MILES | £13,995 +VAT | £12,995 +VAT |
| 08 58 NOTE TEKNA AUTO BLUE 27855 MILES | £9,995 | £8,995 | 08 08 NAVARA AVENTURA AUTO BLACK 23554 MILES | £18,495 +VAT | £17,495 +VAT |
| 10 10 QASHQAI ACENTA 1.5 DCI RED 950 MILES | £18,495 | £17,495 | 06 56 MURANO AUTO NAV RED 31755 MILES | £14,495 | £13,495 |
| 07 07 QASHQAI TEKNA 2.0 GOLD 26118 MILES | £13,995 | £12,995 | 07 07 PATHFINDER SPORT AUTO GREY 34228 MILES | £17,995 | £16,995 |
| 09 59 QASHQAI NTEC 1.6 BLACK/PURPLE 14122 MILES | £17,495 | £16,495 | 08 08 HONDA CIVIC TYPE R BLACK 12982 MILES | £12,995 | £10,495 |
| 09 59 QASHQAI VISIA 1.6 DCI BLUE 25116 MILES | £15,495 | £14,495 | 08 08 FORD FOCUS TITANIUM DCI BLUE 25116 MILES | £10,495 | £9,995 |
| 08 58 QASHQAI ACENTA 2.0 BLUE 27441 MILES | £14,995 | £14,495 | 08 57 FORD CMAX ZETEC AUTO GREY 12228 MILES | £7,995 | £6,495 |
| 08 08 QASHQAI ACENTA 2.0 GREY 24655 MILES | £14,495 | £12,995 | 08 08 FORD KA 1.3 RED 9766 MILES | £5,495 | £4,495 |

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new Renaults!



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- ABS with EBD

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**NEW
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- Front fog lights

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Megane 5dr
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- Front fog lights
- Electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors
- 4x15W RDS radio with single CD with Bluetooth and MP3 connection

FROM ONLY
£11,495

FROM £115 PER MONTH! ON RENAULT LEASE



**NEW
Wind Roadster**

- 16" alloy wheels
- Air conditioning
- 2 x 20W radio single CD MP3 reader with AUX input and fingertip control
- Cruise control and speed limiter
- Sports style front seats with extra lateral support

FROM ONLY
£13,995

FROM £102 PER MONTH! ON RENAULT LEASE



**NEW
Megane
Coupe**

- 16" "Spirale" alloys
- Air conditioning
- 4 x 15W Radio RDS with AUX input
- Front fog lights

FROM ONLY
£13,995

FROM £115 PER MONTH! ON RENAULT LEASE



**NEW
Scenic**

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10 60 REG
**CLIO 3DR HAT
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• SILVER • 46854 MILES

07 56 REG
**CLIO CAMPUS
1.2 3dr** WAS £5,495

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Flying the flag price
£3,995



• BLACK

11 60 REG
**SCENIC 5DR
1.6 BIZU** WAS £12,499

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Flying the flag price
£10,111



• BLUE • 23411 MILES

08 08 REG
**MEGANE
DYNAMIQUE AUTO** WAS £7,995

Toomey
Flying the flag price
£5,995



• BLACK

11 60 REG
**CLIO 5DR 1.2
HATCH BIZU** WAS £8,259

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Flying the flag price
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• GREY • 11798 MILES

07 57 REG
**FORD CMAX
ZETEC AUTO** WAS £7,995

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£6,495

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| 08 57 MEGANE 5DR HAT 1.6 AUTO | | | 08 08 GRAND ESPACE 2.0 DCI | | |
| DYNAMIQUE BLUE 22793 MILES | £6,999 | £3,975 | 150 GREY 58436 MILES | £12,999 | £9,777 |
| 08 08 CLIO 5DR HAT 1.2TCE | | | 06 06 MODUS 5DR HAT 1.6 16V | | |
| DYNAMIQUE BLUE 13738 MILES | £8,499 | £5,325 | BLACK 27601 MILES | £5,999 | £2,750 |
| 07 57 GRAND SCENIC 2.0CVT | | | 09 59 SCENIC 1.6 VVT DYNAMIQUE | | |
| DYNAMIQUE SILVER 1998 MILES | £7,499 | £4,750 | BLUE 22135 MILES | £11,499 | £9,032 |
| 08 08 SCENIC 5DR 1.6 DYNAMIQUE | | | 10 10 CLIO 3DR HAT 1.2 DYNAMIQUE | | |
| RED 35368 MILES | £6,999 | £4,200 | SILVER 14881 MILES | £8,999 | £6,902 |
| 06 06 FIAT PUNTO 1.2 ACTIVE | | | 08 58 TWINGO 1.2 16V DYNAMIQUE | | |
| BLUE 35781 MILES | £4,499 | £5,925 | BLUE 25571 MILES | £5,999 | £5,126 |
| 08 08 FIAT BRAVO 1.4 DYNAMIC | | | 06 06 LAGUNA EXTREME 2.0 16V | | |
| BLUE 19900 MILES | £7,999 | £5,250 | SILVER 30300 MILES | £4,999 | £2,200 |
| 10 10 MEGANE 5DR HAT 1.5DCI | | | 07 07 LAGUNA DYNAMIQUE 2.0 DCI | | |
| EXPRESSION GREY 12180 MILES | £11,599 | £3,933 | 150 BLUE 54413 MILES | £5,499 | £3,500 |
| 10 10 CLIO 5DR HAT 1.5 DCI | | | 07 57 SCENIC PRIVILEGE 1.6 VVT | | |
| GREY 14611 MILES | £10,849 | £9,099 | QUARTZ 18638 MILES | £6,999 | £5,667 |
| 09 09 CLIO 3DR HAT RE/SPORT 200 | | | 09 59 RENAULTSPORT TWINGO 133 | | |
| WHITE 26000 MILES | £12,999 | £10,500 | MIRAGE GREY 10305 MILES | £8,999 | £7,937 |
| 11 60 CLIO 5DR HAT 1.2 BIZU BLUE | | | 10 10 MEGANE 3DR CPE 1.6 | | |
| 11 60 SCENIC 5DR 1.6 BIZU SILVER | £12,810 | £10,111 | DYNAMIQUE BLACK 19865 MILES | £11,999 | £10,786 |
| 11 60 CLIO 3DR HAT 1.5 DCI DYNA | | | 07 07 SCENIC 5DR HAT 1.6 AUTO | | |
| TOM SILVER | £14,200 | £11,209 | DYNAMIQUE BLUE 33185 MILES | £5,999 | £4,635 |
| 08 08 FIAT PUNTO 1.4 ELEGANZA | | | 10 60 CLIO 3DR HAT I-MUSIC 1.2 | | |
| HOLOGRAM 20000 MILES | £5,999 | £4,500 | 16V EXTREME BLUE 100 MILES | £9,999 | £9,806 |
| 10 59 MEGANE 3DR COUPE 2.0 | | | 10 60 GRAND SCENIC I-MUSIC TCE | | |
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Ford focuses on success

by Jonathan Crouch

WITH 10 million sales since it was launched in 1998, Ford has taken no chances with this latest incarnation of its huge selling and commercially important Focus family hatch. Building on traditional strengths, this model is safer, looks better, has lower emissions, better fuel economy and is even more comfortable.

Add up all the points when it comes to buying a family hatchback and it's long been hard to escape the conclusion that a Ford Focus might well be your best bet. For Ford, the problem is that most potential buyers don't add up all the points. They're swayed by rivals that are better looking, have higher-tech engines, offer more equipment or record more frugal fuel figures in some variants. So Ford went back to the drawing board and brought us the third generation Focus model we're looking at here.

In this sector, smart styling is essential and the stylish coupe-like design not only looks appealing but is day-to-day practical. Most will choose the five-door hatch but saloon and sleek estate models are also offered. There is no stinting inside either, with particular attention paid to the materials used. The result is that everything you touch feels like it belongs in a far

more expensive car. Make no mistake: if you're shopping in this sector, this is a car you have to try.

Low emission variants are the highlight of the Focus engine range, starting with the 1.6-litre EcoBoost all-aluminium petrol engine available in 150 and 180PS versions.

Other petrol variants include the 105 and 125PS 1.6-litre Duratec Ti-VCT, while the diesel offerings feature the updated 1.6 and 2.0 litre Duratorq TDCI units.

Through the years, the Focus has always catered for drivers who enjoy their motoring and the car has won plaudits for its ride, drive and handling.

To try and move things on again, there's a whole new electric Power Assist steering system tuned to stay light and easy on the arms in traffic and when parking, but which gives confidence-inspiring feedback at higher speeds.

There's also a clever feature which Ford call their Advanced Torque Vectoring Control System. This automatically and constantly balances the distribution of torque to the driven front wheels for better grip.

Cleverly, the system sends a little bit of braking to the wheel that is on the inside of the corner as you accelerate out, which means you can turn and accelerate in a corner with greater confidence and grip -

valuable when conditions are wet.

Swooping, coupe-style looks make you forget the lack of a three-door variant in the range and give the car a level of style and design that help it punch above its weight aesthetically.

For Ford, it's all part of a design ethos which they say makes the car look like it's moving, even when it's standing still.

The Focus competes in a tightly fought market and prices in the £15,000 to £20,000 range compare favourably with key rivals such as Vauxhall's Astra, Renault's Megane and Peugeot's 308.

The quality underlying the Focus range reflects Ford's awareness that where once smaller cars

were the poor cousins in any manufacturer's line-up, that is no longer the case.

So as well as starting with exemplary levels of build and refinement, this Focus also comes with a vast choice of safety and comfort options ranging from Active Park Assist to a Lane Keeping Aid, Lane Departure Warning, a rear view camera and a Driver Alert system.

As for technology, the new Focus comes with a 'MyFord' system that uses a touch screen to give control over key functions and links to the latest generation SYNC connectivity package with voice

control, Bluetooth and satellite navigation.

Ford needed to remind buyers just how good its Focus still is - and this third generation model does just that.

The smart styling enables it to sit proudly alongside the toughest of its family hatchback rivals, while the cabin now feels a more appealing place to be.

Its biggest problem continues to be its own success, with the issues of depreciation and ubiquity that brings with it.

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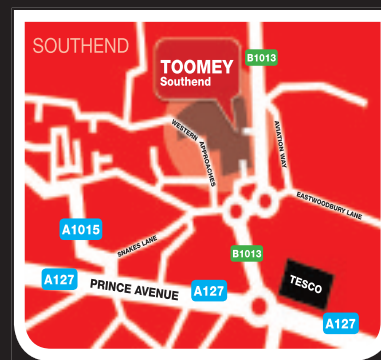
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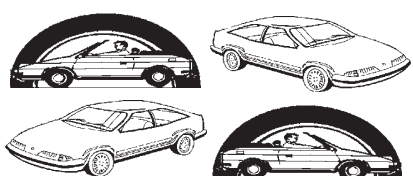
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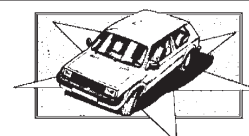
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This will be the first time Carl has been on this track and hopes to better his best result at Snetterton last month where he finished sixth.

Carl has been studying footage of the Pembrey circuit to try and learn the track layout, even attaching a photo of the track in his work van for him to learn.

He said: "I've been doing whatever I can to understand the track as much as possible although I will be taking part in the practice day on the Friday prior to the race weekend which will help.

"I have also kept up my daily workouts in the gym to maintain my fitness level and keep my weight as low as I can. The less I weigh the less the bike has to pull round."

Carl, who races on a six-year-old Suzuki GSXR 1000 against newer machinery in the form of the BMW S 1000 RR's and Kawasaki



QUIETLY CONFIDENT: Canvey motorcycle racer Carl Power.
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ZX10R, has realistic expectations for the weekend.

"I race to win, but realistically with so many newer and faster bikes in the series if I broke into the top five I would be pleased," he

said.

"The last meeting was at the Snetterton 300 track which is just under three miles long which suited the more powerful bikes. Pembrey is about a mile-and-a-half

long and although it is quite fast and flowing, the advantage should not be quite as large."

Follow Carl's progress by logging onto www.powerracingteam.com

Blues play out goalless draw with Macclesfield

Southend United

SOUTHEND United's mighty slim hopes of reaching the League Two play offs ended with a 0-0 draw at Macclesfield Town on Saturday.

A win would have put the Blues six points from Gillingham and Stevenage on 68 points with two games to go, but they would have needed a lot of results to go their way to overhaul them.

The point was more of use to the home side, who are now all but safe from relegation with six points and six clubs between them and the drop zone.

There was little to choose between the two sides

and few chances of note. Colin Daniels and Hamza Bencherif had opportunities for the hosts, but neither took advantage.

At the other end Ryan Hall put a free kick into the arms of Joe Veiga, who later kept out an effort from Lee Sawyer.

It was more of the same in the second half with little creative football played.

Paul Sturrock changed his formation as the half wore on but even that failed to reap any dividends. Barry Corr had a chance for the Blues and Tyrone Barnett went close for Macclesfield.

In the end, the game petered out for a draw.

Sturrock said: "The way Macclesfield play the game is all about set-pieces, long throw-ins and a lot of second balls to be defended against.

"Sometimes you get sucked into playing that way as well, but the second half I was much more pleased with.

"There was a lot of aerial stuff today, but I'm pleased with another clean sheet and our goalkeeper didn't really have a save to make, which I'm quite pleased about."

Southend entertain Burton Albion on Saturday in their final home game of the season, before heading to Wycombe Wanderers the week after.

City back in the play-offs, while Thurrock still in drop zone

Non-League Football

CHELMSFORD City moved back into the Blue Square South play-offs on Easter Monday thanks to their 2-0 victory over Bromley.

It all comes down to the last game of the season for the Clarets, who sit in the final play-off spot, two points clear of Welling United.

Wayne Gray (pen 50) and Adam Tann (62) gave City the vital three points over Bromley and give them all to play for in their final game.

Thurrock also have plenty to play for in their relegation battle, after drawing 0-0 with Ebbsfleet United.

Fleet still remain in the final relegation spot, but they can still survive if they beat Farnborough away on Saturday, and if Maidenhead United lose at home to Dartford.

Canvey Island remain in the Ryman League Premier play-off

chase, despite losing 4-0 at home to local rivals Concord Rangers, who ironically drop out of the chase after other results went against them.

Tony Stokes and Steve King put Concord ahead, with Jason Hallett seeing red for Canvey before half-time. Stokes grabbed his second 15 minutes from time before Jay Curran picked up Canvey's second red card soon after.

Michael Begg added a fourth to at least give Concord something to shout about, while Canvey sit in seventh, two points off the play-offs.

Billerica Town also will not be making the play-offs following their 1-1 draw at Hendon.

Adam Flanagan's 11th-minute penalty put Blues ahead, but Hendon fought back thanks to Jamie Busby 12 minutes later.

Aveley look consigned to relegation after crashing 4-1 at home to near

rivals AFC Hornchurch.

All Urchins' goals came in a 19-minute spell just before half-time with Lewis Smith breaking the deadlock.

Jon Hunt and Martin Tuohy extended Hornchurch's lead, with Smith getting his second.

Sherwin Stanley netted a last minute consolation for Aveley, who need to win by eight clear goals at Hastings on Saturday, and hope Maidstone achieve no more than a draw at Hornchurch.

East Thurrock United lifted the Ryman League Division One North title on Easter Monday, and marked it in style, winning 4-0 over tenants Grays Athletic. Sam Higgins (2), Hakeem Araba and Reiss Gilbey got on the scoresheet.

Waltham Forest were relegated from the league following their 5-0 defeat at Wingate & Finchley.

Leon Smith scored a hat-trick, while Ahmet Rifat and Marvin Samuels' own goal completed Forest's misery.

Ilford secured their survival, beating Romford 3-2 at Cricklefield.

Junior Appiah gave Ilford a half-time lead, with Abs Seymour equalising for Boro.

The action came thick and fast in remaining minutes, with Jan Skonieczki and Derek Hawtin netting in the last two minutes of normal time and Alex Read pulling one back in the second minute of stoppage time.

Maldon & Tiptree's play-off hopes were dashed by a 4-2 home defeat by Heybridge Swifts, with Luke Callander scoring twice for the visitors.

Billy Johnson grabbed the only goal of the game for Great Wakering Rovers at Thamesmead Town, while Waltham Abbey drew 2-2 at home to Potters Bar Town.

Rugby Union

Barking fall behind rivals, Southend secure fourth

BARKING kept up the pressure on National League One leaders London Scottish after winning at local rivals Blackheath 17-23 on Saturday.

However, the Eastenders are now two points behind Scottish after failing to pick up the bonus point.

Barking took a 8-13 lead into half-time thanks to Armstrong's penalty, but Blackheath bounced back to go 14-13 ahead through two Windsor's penalties.

Into the final 10 minutes and Barking fought hard to regain the lead, with David Vincent going over the line, converted by Armstrong, who then added another penalty.

Southend secured fourth place in National Two South with a 21-25 victory at Old Albanians.

Three tries in the first half from Andrew McClintock, Simon Houlst and Joe Van Der Molen set Southend on their way, with Van Der Molen adding a second try late on and Houlst adding a penalty and conversion in the second half.

Cricket

Cup competition shock

WESTCLIFF caused a shock in the Shepherd Neame League Cup Second Round on Saturday, seeing off Ilford by eight wickets.

The Division Two side, who suffered relegation last season, saw off their Premier Division opponents after bowling them out for 106. Simon Mather took 4-28 in eight overs, backed up by Ben Leyshon with 3-15, while Ilford opener Nigel Jacob came out with any credit, unbeaten on 50.

Gidea Park & Romford, relegated from the Premier Division last season, made the third round with a three wicket win over Premier side Loughton, who were bowled out for 155 (Seemab Cheema 53, Sammer Zia 5-21). The chase proved a troublesome for Gidea Park, but they held on, with Baber Choudhry hitting 48.

Premier Division champions Brentwood brushed aside Horndon on the Hill from the Second Division by 233 runs. James Redwood hit an impressive 173, backed up with half centuries from Aaron West and Richard Walford as Brentwood put up 410-4 in 40 overs.

Horndon battled bravely, with Andrew Hilditch scoring 74 as they were all out for 177.

Chelmsford saw off Hadleigh & Thundersley (D1) by seven wickets, while Fives & Heronians won by 27 runs over Hutton (D2), in a tight contest. Edward Buxton struck 90 to help Fives to 309-7, and despite Nick Vanner's 74 and Matt Haigh's 66, Hutton could not overcome that total.

Premier Division newcomers Ardleigh Green progressed to the third round with a 104-run victory over Division One side Hornchurch.

Ali was unbeaten on 113, to help Ardleigh put up 342-5. Thunder and lightning delayed Hornchurch's innings, who were set a revised target of 239 in 28 overs. Sherlock struck 51 for Hornchurch, but Ardleigh's Hill took 5-37.

Shenfield beat Old Southendian and Southchurch by 106 runs, with Elliot Richter hitting 89 for Shenfield and Iain McDonald taking 5-55 for Old Southendian.

Woodford Wells were made to work for their 17-run win by Walthamstow, while Wickford won by 84 runs over Benfleet, with Robert Rollins hitting 81 for the visitors.

There were victories for Belhus, Leigh on Sea and Basildon & Pitsea over Ongar, Harlow and Old Parkonians respectively.

There was also First Round action, with reigning champions Winstead beating fellow Premier Division side Hainault & Clayhall by seven wickets, with Arfan Akram unbeaten on 72 helping them to victory.

They will host Buckhurst Hill who saw off fellow Division One side Chingford by just one run.

Premier Division side Colchester and East Essex beat Division One side Orsett by 192 runs. Ben Foakes (85) and Joe Barnett (79 not out) helped Colchester to 268-4, while Orsett were skittled out for 76, with Ben Stephens taking 5-28.

South Woodford won at near rivals Woodford Green by 191 runs, while Epping beat fellow Division Three side Old Brentwoods by six wickets.

Southend & EMT won at West Essex by 14 runs, with Kevin Grant hitting an unbeaten 106, while Harold Wood progressed with a win at Billericay.

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